regarding the DDA Housing Scheme, 2008. Delhi Police have arrested at least five persons in this regard. The hardware and software involved in the draw has been seized and sent to Government Examiner of Questioned Documents (GEQD), Hyderabad for forensic examination.

(b) Investigation report is awaited.

(c) and (d) The Demand-cum-Allotment letters have not been issued. Report of GEQD from Economic Offences Wing is awaited. Appropriate decision on issuing Demand-cum-Allotment letters will be taken upon receipt of the report.

Metro rail at Kochi

1152. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal for the construction of Metro rail at Kochi;

(b) if so, the details of the salient features of the proposed project;

(c) whether necessary clearances have been given to the project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the present status of the project with details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala has submitted a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for setting up of Metro Rail Project in Kochi in July, 2005, a fully elevated corridor of 25.3 kms. from Alwaye to Petta. The estimated completion cost is Rs. 2991.5 crore (excluding State taxes)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The proposal was referred to the Planning Commission who after detailed examination have advised that in the absence of specific funding and low population of Kochi, it is not in a position to support the project from Government of India funds presently.

Property transfer

1153. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether L&DO of Delhi has stopped property transfers in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether free holding of property is a must for property transactions; and

(d) if so, the alternative methods adopted for those whose properties are not free hold?